

What is the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant?

The Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant (the MFP Program) is a special program developed by the federal government that provides participating states (like North Dakota) with funding that the State uses to assist people to leave the North Dakota Developmental Center or other intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation (ICF/MR, institution) and move to their own home in the community.

Who is Eligible to Participate in the MFP Program in North Dakota?

The MFP Program is limited to persons residing in ICFs/MR (institutions) who are Medicaid eligible, who have resided in an institutional setting for at least six months, and who meet the requirements for at least one of the following programs:

- MR/DD waiver (Meets ICF/MR Level of Care, Requires supports for Health & Safety, and needs can be met through specific services for individuals with mental retardation),
- Self Directed Supports for Families or Adults waivers (Meets ICF/MR Level of Care, Requires support for Health & Safety, Needs can be met through specific services for individuals with mental retardation, Person lives with a primary caregiver who is capable of self directing services or Person lives with a primary caregiver or independently and is Capable of self directing services)
- Medically Fragile Children waiver (Determined to meet nursing facility level of care, 3 to 18 years of age, Greatest need as determined through a Level of Need ranking process, Requires support for Health & Safety, Needs at least one waiver service quarterly to remain in family home setting, Child lives with a primary caregiver capable of self directing services).

Persons who are not Medicaid eligible or who have resided in an institutional setting for less than six months may be assisted with transition from an institution by Developmental Disabilities case management staff through other programs, as appropriate.



How Does MFP Work?

The MFP Program can assist individuals interested in leaving an ICF/MR by providing:

- Information to help them make an informed choice regarding transition and participation in the MFP Program;
- Access to transition services and assistance from a transition coordinator through North Dakota's Centers for Independent Living;
- Payment for some one-time moving costs or activities; (rental deposits, home furnishing, household supplies) and
- Post-discharge follow-up to ensure the move is satisfactory and the individual's needs are being met.

What Housing Choices Will Money Follows the Person Offer?

The MFP grant will operate throughout the state of North Dakota and will transition individuals into a qualified residence, such as:

- The individual's home or a family home;
- A shared home, where no more than three other (four total) unrelated individuals reside;
- An adult foster care home (AFCH) where no more than three other (four total) unrelated individuals reside;
- An apartment, including those in HUD subsidized housing complexes or congregate housing complexes.

When is the Money Follows the Person Program in Effect?

The MFP program will operate in North Dakota beginning June 20, 2008 and will end September 30, 2011.

MFP will provide services to individuals participating in the program for 365 days after transition to the community. After that, individuals will continue to receive needed services from the State without interruption.

If you, or someone you care about, lives in an ICF/MR and would like to learn about options available to return to the community please contact: Your local Human Service Center or Jake Reuter, MFP Program Administrator at 701-328-4090.

Developmental Disabilities Case Management Service Providers

Human Service Center Contact Information

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